

Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On March 12, U.S. military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct five airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted six airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., March 12, and 8 a.m., March 13, local time.

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted since the last press release:

Syria

- Near Kobani, five airstrikes destroyed 10 ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL vehicles.
 Iraq
- Near Al Asad, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL anti-aircraft artillery piece.
- Near Kirkuk, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL armored vehicle.
- Near Mosul, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.
- Near Rawah, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria, the region, and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and U.S. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and U.S.